

progressive journals, and noncommercial listener-supported radio in its early years, notably Radio Station KPFA and the Pacifica Foundation.

After Ruth's death in 1994, Steven created the Arkay Foundation as a tribute to her memory. The foundation supports innovative civil, environmental, and health care programs. He was a strong advocate for alternative medicine and helped naturopaths become licensed in California. He also promoted the use of vitamin C and megavitamin therapy for physical and mental illnesses. Remaining remarkably energetic himself, he led this foundation up to the end of his life.

However, he was best known for his progressive style of politics and commitment to the Democratic Party. He believed passionately that individuals could make a difference both at the local and national level by supporting political change. He also believed that songs could change the world. Steve was most proud of his early discovery of Woody Guthrie while filming a documentary in Oregon. Woody's part in producing was what he liked to call "art with a social message."

Madam Speaker, the life of Stephen Kahn was full of joy and purpose. He directly impacted the lives of thousands of people who came to respect, admire, and love him. I offer condolences to his two children Karen Kahn and Robert Kahn, his stepson David Goldschmidt; and the rest of his family. Stephen's passion, energy and wonderful spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

HONORING MR. BOB IANNAcone

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Bob Iannacone as he retires from his position as Director of Economic Development for the Williamson County Economic Development Council.

Since he first assumed this responsibility in 1991, Bob has been instrumental in attracting corporations looking for a place to relocate and encouraging the expansion and growth of existing Williamson County companies. Together, these efforts have had an impact of approximately one billion dollars to the local economy. Through innovative marketing strategies, including the award-winning Economic Development Showcase program, Bob has ensured that corporate leaders around the country and around the world know that Williamson County is a great place to do business, and a great place to live.

A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Bob Iannacone has also served our community through his work with multiple non-profit civic organizations and has impacted countless lives. Again, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob for his contributions to our nation and to Tennessee. I'm certain that his wife, Pat, children and grandchildren are all proud of the outstanding work he has done to improve not just the economy, but the quality of life in Williamson County.

HONORING JACK O'CONNELL

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jack O'Connell on the occasion of his retirement as President and CEO of the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island, Inc. For over 30 years, Mr. O'Connell has tirelessly served the area's poor and vulnerable children, families and individuals. Mr. O'Connell began his career with the Health and Welfare Council in 1976 and has served as the organization's chief executive since 1988.

Mr. O'Connell was instrumental in creating the first ever studies of hunger and homelessness on Long Island in 1984 and 1985. Mr. O'Connell's other accomplishments on behalf of the poor are too numerous to name, but they include initiating the Child Health Plus Facilitated Enrollment Consortium, a program that has enrolled more than 30,000 Long Islanders into Child and Family Health Plus; organizing Long Island's social services response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and the organization of advocacy coalitions that helped give a voice to the poor and hungry.

Mr. O'Connell has been a tremendous asset to Long Island, and particularly to the people he has helped bring out of the shadows through his work. The future of this country depends on the well-being of our children and families, and the contributions of talented, passionate and committed public servants like Jack O'Connell.

SHUTTLE "ATLANTIS" LAUNCH

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. REYES. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise to recognize John "Danny" Olivas, who, with the launch of the Space Shuttle *Atlantis* this past Friday, became the first El Pasoan to enter space.

Astronaut Olivas worked his way through the El Paso school system, and, upon graduating from Burges High School, went on to receive a B.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso, an M.S. in mechanical engineering from the University of Houston, and, finally, a doctorate in mechanical engineering and materials science from Rice University.

Beyond being the first El Pasoan in space, Astronaut Olivas is also one of only a handful of minorities, and even fewer Hispanics, to participate in a Shuttle mission. The importance of Mr. Olivas' participation in this space flight is underscored by the lack of minorities in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math. According to the U.S. Census, as of 2000, only 4.4 percent of jobs related to science and engineering were held by African Americans, with only 3.4 percent being held by Hispanics. It is estimated that by 2050, over 50 percent of the population under the age of 18 will be a racial or ethnic minority. It is imperative that we work to engage our minority populations in these fields.

In the face of growing foreign competition from technology sectors in India, Japan, and China, among others, it is increasingly important that our country remains a leader of technological innovation and economic competitiveness. In creating opportunities for minorities, we ensure that the face of our high-tech workforce reflects the true face of America, and that our face in space echoes our face on Earth.

I have long supported NASA in its pursuit of greater understanding of the universe through exploration. Supporting NASA creates not only opportunities for people like Mr. Olivas, but also tangible benefits that affect our everyday life. Airmen and -women flying training maneuvers over El Paso's Fort Bliss-Biggs Army Airfield, and Army PATRIOT units deployed at home and overseas, use technology developed by NASA. Additionally, the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, where Astronaut Olivas first developed his fascination with space exploration at the age of seven, provides jobs for Texas, and, in doing so, fuels our local economies through tourism and contracting. As Astronaut Olivas noted in a recent interview, NASA itself is like a rocket engine: hundreds of thousands of small parts, working in tandem within the machinery of our Nation to fuel the engine of progress.

Having met Danny Olivas on a number of occasions, I applaud the example he encapsulates; wish him and the whole crew of *Atlantis* a safe return; and look forward to a successful mission!

WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOR

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate World Day Against Child Labor. Today serves to remind us of the exploitation of child workers around the world and to encourage us to act as global leaders in ending these atrocities.

I learned of the brutal working conditions of children who labored in the cocoa fields through a series of articles published by Knight Ridder several years ago. One young boy, Aly Diabate, told how he was sold into slavery when he was barely four feet tall. He said, "Some of the bags were taller than me. It took two people to put the bag on my head. And when you didn't hurry, you were beaten. The beatings were a part of my life. Any time they loaded you with bags and you fell while carrying them, no one helped you. Instead, they beat you and beat you until you picked it up again."

In response to stories like these, I, along with Senator TOM HARKIN, authored the Harkin-Engel Protocol to hold chocolate companies accountable to American consumers and the global community. The Harkin-Engel Protocol provides for the development and implementation of industry-wide global standards for the growing of cocoa beans and the manufacturing of chocolate products that are sold in

the United States. This framework provides a reliable capacity for the first time to publicly certify that cocoa used in chocolate or related products has been grown and processed without abusive child labor. The Harkin-Engel Protocol allows chocolate manufacturers to agree to take responsibility for the labor conditions of cocoa farms which they do not own.

It is not and should not be the way of this Congress to stand by while children anywhere are sold into slavery. And it is not our way to provide a marketplace for products tainted with the blood of children. I encourage the Members of this Congress to act as global leaders and help end child slave labor throughout the world. Madam Speaker, my hope is that we will use World Day Against Child Labor to raise American awareness of the pressing issue of child slavery and to rise to the challenge of accountability in American products.

IN HONOR OF THEODORE DAVID
ENGLEHORN, SR.

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Theodore David Englehorn, Sr., M.D., a true hero who passed away on May 27, 2007. Throughout his long and passionate career, Dr. Englehorn served our country in the military and later became the first orthopedic surgeon in Monterey County. I offer his sister Helen Winsted, daughter Frances Mill, son Theodore Englehorn, Jr., and the rest of Dr. Englehorn's family my deepest condolences.

Growing up on a farm in rural South Dakota, Dr. Englehorn became interested in medicine at a young age while taking care of injured farm animals. After graduating from undergraduate school, he attended medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago. During his internship at Iowa Methodist Hospital, he received his M.D. and also met Arleta Lane, whom he later married in 1930.

During the depression, Dr. Englehorn joined the Army Reserves as a 1st Lieutenant Medical Corps and worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) program in South Dakota until 1937. After this time, Dr. Englehorn and his family took the long journey to California. In King City, he set up his own private practice where he worked until 1942, when he was called into the military service as a Captain. He served honorably in the military for 4 more years and was discharged in December 1945 with the rank of Major, M.C.

Upon his return to Monterey County in 1946, Dr. Englehorn began working for the Salinas Community Hospital Association. His gift for compassion and talent for surgery helped him to gain the title of Chief of Surgery at the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital in 1959 and later Chief of Staff in 1960. Dr. Englehorn's dedication to the field of medicine was obvious and as a result he held numerous positions on several Medical Associations. He was the Medical Director of the National Foundation for Monterey County and the President of the Monterey County Medical Society, to name a few.

Dr. Englehorn was well known within his community as he was deeply involved in it. He

was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Salinas Lodge of Masons and Eastern Star, the Commonwealth Club of California and the Salinas Elks Lodge.

Madam Speaker, I wish to remember Dr. Englehorn for his honor, humanity, and love for helping others. He was consistently caring and loyal as a friend, husband, father and doctor. While Dr. Englehorn may no longer be with us, his memory and life's work will carry on in all those whose lives he touched.

HONORING HELGA LEMKE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise with my colleague Representative MIKE THOMPSON with great pleasure to honor Helga Lemke on her 18 years of service with Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County. Since 1989, when she was hired as the agency's executive director, Helga has shown a steadfast commitment to increasing opportunities for low income residents of Sonoma County to gain self-sufficiency and contribute to their communities. We have found Helga to be fiercely focused on fighting poverty, wonderfully competent in running this large, multi-program agency, and yet very down-to-earth and authentic.

Helga has spent her entire career helping others, from her internship with the National Community Action Foundation nearly 40 years ago through her work at the United Nations to the present. One of the tenets she holds so dearly, says colleague John Way, is making a difference. He notes, "I have heard her often say that one of the most enriching things about her work is having someone tell her, 'What you've done has changed my life.'"

Helga's well-earned appointment to director of programs for the California Department of Community Services reminds us how much she has accomplished for our community. For one, she transformed a struggling nonprofit into one of the largest and most respected agencies in the county. She also initiated an award-winning staff diversity training program and a community-acclaimed annual conference on poverty, at the same time leading a staff of 225 at more than 20 sites with an annual budget of more than \$11 million.

Despite all this, Helga has still made time for public service. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors appointed her to the Workforce Investment Board and Youth Council; the Santa Rosa City Mayor has appointed her to the Mayor's Task Force on Gangs; and she has also served on numerous boards, including Roseland University Prep School. She has also testified before Congress on Head Start issues where her expertise was valued.

Madam Speaker, we have appreciated working with Director Lemke on the many issues faced by the Sonoma community and thank her for her dedicated service. Her passion and energy are an inspiration to all of us who work with families. Congratulations on your appointment, Helga.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Madam Speaker, sixty-three years ago, on June 12, 1944, Big Bend National Park was established in southwest Texas along the Rio Grande River. The scenic national park encompasses more than 800,000 acres of pristine desert and mountain terrain.

Known as "Texas' Gift to the Nation," Big Bend began as a modestly-sized State park, but its area was expanded greatly by the state before being awarded to the Nation. After Congress passed legislation allowing for the acquisition of land in the region to establish the park the state of Texas purchased approximately 600,000 acres of land from private owners, at a cost of \$1.5 million, in 1942.

The purchase of such a vast expanse of land at such a high price in the midst of the Great Depression was an incredible feat for the State of Texas. Despite the cost, the State donated the land to the Federal Government for the establishment of the national park. With that gesture Texas provided the nation with a majestic national park that has been enjoyed for over a half a century so far.

Big Bend National Park has a rich history. For thousands of years it was traversed by and inhabited by native peoples. For the past century and a half it has also seen Spanish prospectors; Comanche Indians; Mexican settlers; and Anglo-American farmers, ranchers and miners.

Everett Ewing Townsend, the "Father" of Big Bend National Park, was the champion of adding Big Bend to the National Parks Service's purview and is most responsible for the preservation of this region where the Chihuahuan Desert intersects with the Chisos Mountains and the flow of the mighty Rio Grande River shifts from southeast to northeast forming the bend after which the park is named. Sixty-three years ago Everett Townsend's efforts provided the United States with an unspoiled tract of land that has since been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of visitors. In its first year, Big Bend National Park recorded 1,409 visitors, but today it receives over 300,000 visitors a year. Today, I recognize Big Bend National Park on its 63rd anniversary and thank the National Park Service for preserving this region for future generations.

THE BELLS OF BALANGIGA MUST
RING AGAIN

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to support H. Con. Res. 168, legislation that I have just introduced, which urges the President to authorize the return of two church bells, currently on display at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming, to the people of the Philippines.